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November 20, 2025, DRAFT Board Meeting Minutes

Date: November 20, 2025

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: Hart’s Hill Inn, 135 Clinton Street, Whitesboro, NY

	Count	Board Member	Position	Term	Expiration
	1	Anna Weeks	President - STEM / Community Connections	2	12/31/2027
X	2	Sue Carvelli	Vice-President – Rome Community Schools / BOCES	2	12/31/2025
	3	Hollie Wolanski	Secretary / Education	2	12/31/2027
	4	Dick Presky	Treasurer / Insurance / Genesis	1	12/31/2026
	5	John Brouillette	At-Large / Agriculture	1	12/31/2027
X	6	Kathryn Festine	At-Large / Legal	1	12/31/2027
X	7	Rosanne Loparco	At-Large / Master Gardener / Finance	1	12/31/2026
	8	Howard Regner	At-Large Agriculture / Farm / Education	1	12/31/2025
	9	Paul Sears	At-Large / Master Gardener / STEM	1	12/31/2026
X	10	Shaila Singh	At-Large / Education	1	12/31/2027
	11	Debbie Spinella	At-Large Agriculture / Education	2	12/31/2027
	12	Vacant	Vacant		
X	Appointed	George Joseph	Legislative Representative	N/A	N/A
X	Appointed	Paul O’Connor	State Extension Specialist	N/A	N/A

Staff/Community Attendance

1	Mary Beth McEwen	Executive Director	CCE Oneida County
2	Bonnie Backman	SBN Finance	CCE Oneida County
3	Lori North	Director of Ops.	CCE Oneida County

2025 Board Schedule	Description
January 23	Reorganization Board Meeting
February 27	Committee Meetings / Board Orientation, 5:30PM food and 6:00PM, General Overview of Programs
March 27	Board Meeting, 6:00PM
April 24	Committee Meetings 6:00
May 22	Board Meeting, 6:00PM
June 26	Board Meeting – Audit Presentation, Dermody, Burke & Brown 6:00PM
July 24	Committee – Boonville Fair Legislative BBQ
August	No Meeting Scheduled
September 25	Board Meeting
October 23	Annual Meeting
November 20	Board Meeting
December	No Meeting Scheduled

Call to Order: (7:26 PM)

Pledge of Allegiance:

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- Motion to approve September 24, 2025, Board meeting minutes.

Vote:

Motioned by: Dick Presky
Seconded by: Debbie Spinella
Discussion: No discussion
Motion Carried: Unanimous

Finance:

- Review 3rd Quarter 2025 financials. – Bonnie Backman

Motion to accept the CCE Oneida County 2025 3rd quarter financials pending Cornell Cooperative Extension Administration year-end review.

Vote:

Motioned by: Paul Sears
Seconded by: Howard Regner
Discussion: No Discussion
Motion Carried: Unanimous

- 4H Club Rollover – Permission for Oneida County 4-H Teen Council and Oneida Equine 4-H clubs to carry over funds.

Motion to allow Oneida County 4-H Teen Council and Oneida Equine 4-H clubs to carry over funding in the amount of \$8,648.63 and \$3,906.56, respectively

Vote:

Motioned by: Dick Presky
Seconded by: Paul Sears
Discussion: No Discussion
Motion Carried: Unanimous

Board President's Report:

- Board Open Position – 1 Year Appointment – Mary Kline

Vote:

Motioned by: Dick Presky
Seconded by: Debbie Spinella
Discussion: No Discussion
Motion Carried: Unanimous

Executive Director's Report:

- Using 2025 time for January 2nd 2026.
 - The board did not make a motion to approve.
- Women's Fund Grant Award - \$5,870 – Technical Assistance for Women in Agriculture
- Adirondack Bank - \$5,000.00 award
- Urban Farms and Community Agriculture - \$49,887.00
- AG Forum – CCE & The Genesis Group
- Marketing / Did You Know Messages
 - Howard asked if these could also be sent to the board. Lori will let Alex know to include the board in these emails.
 - We will remind Alex to work on CCE fact cards/messages for the board.
- Grants Currently in Process:
 - Dairy Farm Improvement - In Process
 - NY Farm Viability Grant Program – In Process
 - AG & Markets – Youth Opportunity Day – In Process
 - NE Regional IPM Partnerships – In Process
 - NE Extension Risk Management – Submitted
 - Seed to Supper – Submitted
 - Cornell Engaged Opportunity Grant – Spring 2026
 - Mary Beth will email board a summary of scope of work for grants we have received and grants in process.

Executive Session if Required: None required

Adjourn: Time: (7:59PM)

Vote:

Motioned by: Dick Presky

Seconded by: Paul Sears

Discussion: No Discussion

Motion Carried: Unanimous